

**Chambers of Chief Judge Thad Heartfield**

212 Jack Brooks Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, 300 Willow Street,  
Beaumont, TX 77701  
Tel: (409) 654-2860

**Thad Heartfield**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: St Mary's U 1965 JD  
Began Service: May 1, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney,  
County of Jefferson, Texas (1965-1966); City Attorney, City of Beaumont,  
Texas (1969-1973)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Weller, Wheelus & Green (1966-1969); Partner,  
O'Brian, Richards & Heartfield (1973-1977); Partner, Crutchfield,  
DeCordova, Brocato & Heartfield (1977-1981); Private Practice  
(1981-1995)

**Current Memberships:** Jefferson County Bar Association; State Bar of  
Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Steve Foster** ..... (409) 654-2860  
Law Clerk **Mary Margaret Groves** ..... (409) 654-2860  
Court Reporter **Frank McMillan** ..... (409) 654-2860  
Court Coordinator **Jill Veazey** ..... (409) 654-2860  
Secretary **Kristi Wernig** ..... (409) 654-2860

**Chambers of District Judge Richard A. Schell**

U.S. Courthouse Annex, 200 North Travis Street, Sherman, TX 75090  
Tel: (903) 893-7667

**Richard A. Schell**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Southern Methodist 1972 BA, 1975 JD  
Began Service: August 15, 1988  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Instructor, Southern Methodist University (1975-1976)

**Government:** Coordinator, Texas District Court, 199th Judicial District,  
State of Texas (1975-1976); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the  
District Attorney, State of Texas

**Judicial:** Judge, County Court at Law (1982-1986); Judge, Texas District  
Court, 219th Judicial District (1986-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Boyd, Veigel & Gay (1977-1981)

**Current Memberships:** State Bar of Texas

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Aileen Durrett** ..... (903) 893-7667  
Education: Texas Tech 1993 JD  
Law Clerk **John Maxfield** ..... (903) 893-7667  
Court Reporter **Jerry Kelley** ..... (903) 893-7667  
Secretary **Lori Bates** ..... (903) 893-7667  
Education: Texas (Dallas) BA

**Chambers of District Judge David Folsom**

309 U.S. Courthouse, 500 State Line Avenue, Texarkana, TX 75501  
Tel: (903) 794-4067 ext. 223 Fax: (903) 794-1224

**David Folsom**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Arkansas 1969 BA, 1974 JD  
Began Service: April 14, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Young & Patton (1974-1976); Partner, Young,  
Patton & Folsom (1976-1990); Sole Practitioner (1990-1995)

**Current Memberships:** Arkansas Bar Association; Arkansas Trial  
Lawyers Association; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Northeast  
Texas Bar Association; Southwest Arkansas Bar Association; Texarkana  
Bar Association; Texas Bar Association; Texas Trial Lawyers Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Trip Fussell** ..... (903) 794-4067 ext. 229  
Law Clerk **Courtney Toole** ..... (903) 794-4067 ext. 227  
Court Reporter **Libby Crawford** ..... (903) 794-4067 ext. 237  
Docket Coordinator/Secretary  
**Betty Schroeder** ..... (903) 794-4067 ext. 223

**Chambers of District Judge Thomas John Ward**

U.S. Courthouse, 100 East Houston, Room 101, Marshall, TX 75670  
Tel: (903) 935-3868 Fax: (903) 935-2295

**Thomas John Ward**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Texas Tech 1964 BA;  
Baylor 1967 LLB  
Began Service: July 13, 1999  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Legislative Draftsman, Texas Legislative Council  
(1967-1968); Assistant County Attorney, County of Lubbock, Texas  
(1968-1968)

**Legal Practice:** Associate Attorney, Phenix and Wilder (1968-1969);  
Associate Attorney, Law Office of Otto A. Ritter (1969-1969); Partner,  
Ward and Ross (1969-1970); Partner, Sharp, Ward & Ross (1971-1990);  
Partner, Brown McCarroll & Oaks Hartline, LLP (1991-1999)

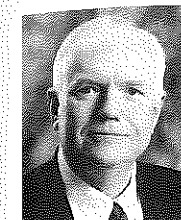
**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Board of  
Trial Advocates, Advocate; American College of Trial Lawyers, Judicial  
Fellow; Bar Association for the United States District for the Eastern of  
Texas; Bar Association Fifth Federal Circuit; Foundation American Board  
of Trial Advocates; Gregg County Bar Association; Northeast Texas Bar  
Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, Life Fellow

**Staff**

Permanent Law Clerk **Charles Everingham IV** ..... (903) 935-3868  
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Education: Baylor 1993 JD  
Courtroom Deputy **Sonja Dupree** ..... (903) 935-3868  
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**Chambers of District Judge Leonard Davis**

U.S. Courthouse, 211 West Ferguson Street, Tyler, TX 75702  
Tel: (903) 590-1084 Fax: (903) 590-1190

**Leonard Davis**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Texas 1970 BA;  
Texas Christian 1974 MA; Baylor 1976 JD  
Began Service: May 10, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Chief Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, Twelfth District  
(2000-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Potter, Minton, Roberts, Davis & Jones  
(1977-1979); Partner, Potter, Minton, Roberts, Davis & Jones (1979-2000)

**Military Service:** Texas Army National Guard (1970-1973)

**Staff**

Secretary **Lorie Hughes** ..... (903) 590-1084

**Chambers of District Judge Ron Clark**

P.O. Box 3682, Beaumont, TX 77704  
Tel: (409) 654-2800 Fax: (409) 654-6280

**Ron Clark**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: January 5, 1953  
Education: Connecticut 1973 BA, 1974 MA;  
Texas 1979 JD  
Began Service: November 22, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Assistant City Attorney and Trial Attorney, Office of the City  
Attorney, City of Abilene, Texas (1979-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Henderson, Bryant & Wolfe (1983-1984);  
Partner, Henderson, Bryant & Wolfe (1985-1993); Partner, Wolfe, Clark,  
Henderson, Tidwell & McCoy, L.L.P. (1993-2002)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1974-1976); United States Army  
Reserve (1980-1990)

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Benjamin Elacqua** ..... (409) 654-2800  
Law Clerk **J. Laurens Wilkes** ..... (409) 654-2800  
Court Reporter **Christina Bickham** ..... (409) 654-2891  
Legal Secretary **V. J. Wisenbaker** ..... (409) 654-2880

**Chambers of District Judge Marcia Ann Cain Crone**

P.O. Box 1470, Beaumont, TX 77704  
Tel: (409) 654-2880 Fax: (409) 654-2888  
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**Marcia Ann Crone**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: December 12, 1952  
Education: Texas 1973 BA; Houston 1978 JD  
Began Service: October 3, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Current Memberships:** American Inns of Court, Board of Directors;  
District of Columbia Bar Association; Federal Judges Association;  
Jefferson County Bar Association; Texas Bar Foundation; Texas State Bar

**Chambers of District Judge Marcia Ann Cain Crone continued****Staff**

Law Clerk **Shane McClelland** ..... (409) 654-2880  
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Education: Texas BA; South Texas JD  
Law Clerk **Mark Mendola** ..... (409) 654-2880  
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Education: Boston Col JD  
Law Clerk **Whitney Werich** ..... (409) 654-2880  
E-mail: whitney\_werich@txed.uscourts.gov  
Education: Illinois BA; Georgetown JD  
Court Administrator **(Vacant)** ..... (409) 654-2880

**Chambers of District Judge Michael H. Schneider**

211 West Ferguson Street, Tyler, TX 75702  
Tel: (903) 590-1091

**Michael H. Schneider**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: January 6, 1943  
Education: Stephen F Austin State BS; Houston 1971 JD; Virginia LLM  
Began Service: September 2004  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Corporate:** Attorney, Dresser Industries; Vice President and General  
Counsel, Bawden Drilling, Inc.; General Solicitor, Union Pacific Railroad  
Company

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney,  
County of Harris, Texas (1971-1975); Municipal Judge (Part-Time), City of  
West University Place (1978-1990)

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 157th Judicial District (1991-1996);  
Chief Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, First District (1996-2002); Justice,  
Supreme Court of Texas (2002-2004)

**Legal Practice:** Of Counsel, McFall & Sartwell

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Houston Bar  
Association; Houston Bar Foundation; State Bar of Texas; Texas Law  
Foundation

**Staff**

Law Clerk **DeLeith Gossett** ..... (903) 590-1091  
Education: Arkansas (Little Rock) 1998 JD  
Law Clerk **Philip Vickers** ..... (903) 590-1091  
Courtroom Deputy Clerk **Linda Pritchard** ..... (903) 590-1094  
Court Reporter **Ron Mason** ..... (903) 590-1096  
Judicial Assistant **Glenda Shelton** ..... (903) 590-1091

**Chambers of Senior Judge William M. Steger**

U.S. Courthouse, 211 West Ferguson Street, Tyler, TX 75702  
P.O. Box 1109, Tyler, TX 75710  
Tel: (903) 590-1176 Fax: (903) 590-1181  
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**William M. Steger**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1920  
Education: Southern Methodist 1950 LLB  
Began Service: December 29, 1970  
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** United States Attorney, Eastern District of Texas, United  
States Department of Justice (1953-1959)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1951-1953); Partner, Wilson, Miller,  
Spivey & Steger (1959-1970)

**Military Service:** United States Army Air Corps (1942-1947)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Smith County Bar  
Association; State Bar of Texas

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